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E. O. 12065: GDS 7-9-87 (PALMER, STEPHEN) HA

TAGS: SHUM, PINS, PINT

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF ITEMS FROM MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5035

1. ENTIRE TEXT

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN, INCLUDING ONE BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE FOUNDER OF THE ROTHKO CHAPEL, REGARDING THE SEIZURE OF ITEMS AND DOCUMENTS FROM RETURNING MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO. WE EXPECT CONTINUED INQUIRIES AND COVERAGE OF THE INCIDENT IN THE NEWS MEDIA. THE INCIDENT MAY BE RAISED AT JULY 14 BONKER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH GOA OFFICIALS AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER THE SEIZURE OF ITEMS AND/OR DOCUMENTS FROM THE MOTHERS AND ASK FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SEIZURE. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO ASCERTAIN FACTS AND REPORT ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. HAIG

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